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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PK, US

SUBJECT: PROTEST OF ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

1. THIS MORNING'S JANG (PRO-GOVERNMENT URDU DAILY) REPORTS THAT AT A RAWALPINDI MEETING HELD UNDER PPP AUSPICES TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR PM BHUTTO, PARTY SUPPORTERS SHOUTED SUCH ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AS "LONG LIVE PPP, DOWN WITH JIMMY CARTER"; "JIMMY CARTER'S ORDERS WON'T PREVAIL", AND "'DOLLAR GOVERNMENT' WON'T SUCCEED." ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, A PPP MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO ADDRESSED THE MEETING TOLD HER AUDIENCE THAT THE OPPOSITION IS CARRYING ON ITS MOVEMENT WITH AMERICAN MONEY. THE ACCOUNT FOLLOWS THE REPORT OF SIMILAR SLOGANMONGERING IN RAWALPINDI A FEW DAYS AGO. (ISLAMABAD 4003). IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST TWO THREATS (ONE A KIDNAP THREAT IN KARACHI AND THE OTHER AGAINST USIS IN RAWALPINDI AND ITS DIRECTOR.) WHICH APPEAR TO BE INSPIRED BY CHARGES OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE PNA.

2. SINCE THE PPP IS THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, I PLAN TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON APRIL 27 AT MFA TO PROTEST THESE ACTIVITIES, AND TO ASK THAT ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. (WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED
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FULL COOPERATION ON THIS SCORE.) I WILL ALSO TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO STATE CATEGORICALLY ONCE AGAIN THAT THE USG HAS IN NO WAY SUPPORTED BHUTTO'S OPPOSITION OR INTERFERED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN PAKISTAN.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE WHEN I RAISE THE MATTER AT MFA I MAY BE MET WITH A REJOINDER IN THE FORM OF THE CHARGE THAT OUR LIFTING THE

LICENSE FOR TEAR GAS HAS UNDERSTANDABLY BEEN INTERPRETED BY THE PAK PUBLIC AS A DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE OPPOSITION. THE TEAR GAS EPISODE IS NOW WELL KNOWN HERE FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION IN MANY PAPERS OF THE WASHINGTON POST EDIT CRITICIZING THE USG DECISION IN THE MATTER. TO PREPARE FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY, I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER FURTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPLY ABOUT THE ISSUE. IT WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY HELPFUL TO KNOW ABOUT THE EXCHANGES WE HAVE HAD WITH THE PAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ABOUT IT. INFORMATION ABOUT OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF SHIPPING TEAR GAS AND OTHER POLICE MATERIAL TO COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING DISTURBANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE HERE WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

4. WE ARE SENDING A SEPARATE MESSAGE RECOMMENDING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD ASSIST US IN MEETING THE GROWING ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT. CONSTABLE

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